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DATA WRITE PROTECTION IN A STORAGE AREA

NETWORK AND NETWORK ATTACHED STORAGE

MIXED ENVIRONMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

A Petition to Make Special and the required fee also accompany this paper.

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